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Re: BEI Pier 91 Facility, EPA I.D. No. WAD 00081 2917

Dear Mr. Stiller:

This letter is in response to Burlington Environmental Inc.'s (BEI) January 12, 1994 variance request to groundwater monitoring procedures at the BEI Pier 91 facility. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves BEI's request for the use of dedicated sampling equipment and low-flow sampling techniques as described in BEI's January 14, 1994 request. EPA also approves the requested immiscible layer detection procedures proposed in the BEI request with the following condition (as discussed with you on February 14, 1994): The procedures for detecting dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) can be modified at EPA's request.

Additional time is needed to consider the proposed procedures for DNAPL monitoring, because EPA has some concerns that removal of the dedicated sampling equipment to monitor for DNAPLs may disturb the water column in the well and consequently disrupt the DNAPL layer BEI is trying to monitor. EPA will work closely with BEI regarding any potential modifications to the DNAPL procedures. Until further notice from EPA, BEI shall follow the procedures contained in the BEI request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 553-8582.

Sincerely,

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